

WERE LEADERS
IN VERMONT

William B. Viall Died at Randolph Today

A PROMINENT DEMOCRAT

Daniel W. Robinson of Burlington Passed Away To-day—He Was a Well Known Business Man and Club Member.

Randolph, Dec. 29.—William B. Viall, one of the prominent citizens of Vermont, died at his home here this morning at five o'clock. He had not been in good health for several years, and the immediate cause of death was pneumonia. The arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

His parents were A. Boynton and Lucy (Newhall) Viall of Dorset, and he was born in that town on October 10, 1842. After receiving the customary school education, he entered the employment of the Central Vermont railroad in 1862. He began at the foot of the ladder as a brakeman, and worked gradually up through various positions for the company until he became a general agent. He was not a lawyer, but during his service for the Central Vermont he was constantly called upon to act for the company in cases involving both business and legal difficulties.

Mr. Viall was a man of quick perception, good judgment, and wide general information, a genial man and making many friends. During former years, he held government contracts for the greater part of the star routes of the western states, besides some in New England.

He had resided in this place for thirty-one years, and during the first administration of President Cleveland he served as postmaster of the town. In 1892, he was the candidate of the Democratic party of Vermont for the office of lieutenant-governor. He was married on January 29, 1868, to Eunice L., daughter of Alden and Clarissa (Rice) Lamb of Granville. She survives him; also one daughter, Lucy Clarissa, the wife of Dr. H. G. Beckman of Randolph. Dr. and Mrs. Beckman reside at the Viall home-stead in this place.

Burlington, Dec. 29.—Daniel Webster Robinson, a leading citizen of this place and president of the Robinson-Edwards Lumber company, died to-day after an illness of seven weeks. He was also a prominent banking man of Burlington and a leading clubman and society man of the state.

He was born in Nashua, N. H., on October 13, 1843, being the son of Allen and Eunice Thomas Robinson. He was educated in the Nashua public schools, Nashua academy and Cornell's commercial college in Boston. He was first married to Mary Letitia Mudgett of Nashua. His second wife was Mrs. Elsie Anne Little.

He engaged in the lumber business in Nashua, being employed by Pierce & McQuesten and later with Cross & Tolles. On coming to this city, he was with the Robinson-Edwards company, then Lawrence Barnes & Co., and Skilling, Whitney Bros. & Barnes. He became a member of the firm of L. Barnes Son & company in 1873. When the Robinson-Edwards company was formed in 1897, he became its president, a position which he held at the time of his death.

He was vice-president of the Howard National bank for a time, and had been a director of the Burlington Trust company since its organization in 1883. He was vice-president of the Burlington Safe Deposit company and director of the Vermont State Roller company.

Mr. Robinson was commissioner from Vermont to the Columbian exposition in Chicago in 1893. He was a member of the Society of Colonial Wars and the governor of the Vermont society for three years and department governor-general of the General Society of Colonial Wars in 1908; also a member of the S. A. R. and president of the Vermont society in 1906; a member of the Vermont Historical society, of the National Geographic society, of the Forestry association of Vermont, of the Vermont Fish and Game league.

DEMONSTRATION FOR PEARY.

Friends of Explorer Arranging a Great Meeting.

New York, Dec. 29.—It was announced last night that friends of Commander Robert E. Peary are arranging for a great demonstration here in his honor, to be held at the Metropolitan opera house on the evening of February 8. Governor Hughes will preside.

Commander Peary will be one of the principal speakers, and it is planned to have upon the stage with him as many as possible of the members of his expedition.

TO HEAD NEW PARTY.

Clemenceau Has Withdrawn from Parties Because They Leaned Toward Socialism.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Ex-Premier Clemenceau to-day announced his withdrawal from the Radical and Radical Socialist party on account of their leaning toward united socialism. It is believed that he will head a new party.

HANGED HIMSELF IN CAR.

Body Travelled from Chicago to New York Dangling from Rafter.

New York, Dec. 29.—Dangling from a rafter of an Illinois Central freight car, in which it had apparently travelled all the way from Chicago, the body of a middle-aged man was found in the Baltimore & Ohio yards yesterday afternoon.

Five pairs of trousers and three coats were discovered on the victim, while papers in his pockets showed that he was Kovacs Sandor, an Austrian, 40 years old. There was \$17 in cash in his pockets. The man had evidently hanged himself in Chicago.

STILL PRESIDENT,
SAYS ZELAYA

Man Who Is Fleeing from Nicaragua to Mexico Gives Out a Statement.

Corinto, Mexico, Dec. 29.—Jose Santos Zelaya declared last night that he is still president of Nicaragua, although he may never go back to that country to enjoy the privileges of the office. Madriz he asserted, is only a provisional president and he (Zelaya) has not relinquished the executive office.

Zelaya admitted that he was told he could board the British cruiser Shearwater, only with the understanding that he was to agree to leave Nicaragua forever. The condition he declined to accept.

Mexico, on the other hand, he declared, made no reservations in granting him permission to board the Guerrero.

Zelaya said that he was still the head of the Nicaraguan government. He was leaving his country for an indefinite period in the hope that affairs there would quiet down. In support of his declaration, he exhibited papers, attached to which were government seals and ribbons. These papers, he said, contained the proof of the truth of his statement. In further support of his assertion, it was pointed out by members of his party that the Guerrero floated the Nicaraguan flag at the masthead, in addition to the Mexican flag.

WORTH ONLY \$2,000,000.

The reports concerning the wealth, Zelaya said, were grossly exaggerated. His fortune was not over \$2,000,000 gold and was invested mostly in Nicaraguan government bonds. He advanced the \$30,000 paid on the Emery claim as a personal loan out of his own funds, there having been no money in the government treasury at the time. This amount, he said, had never been refunded to him. He strongly denied that he had wrongfully obtained any part of his fortune through concessions which he had disposed of. He declared that a vote of thanks had been tendered him officially before he left home for services rendered to his country.

Zelaya denied that he was a prisoner in the hands of the Mexican officers in any sense of the word. He was asked whether, in giving him a refuge, the Mexican government assumed responsibility for his person and looked upon him as a prisoner. He said emphatically that such was not the case, and that he was free to go where he chose.

ICE STOPS TRAFFIC.

Ohio River Is Full of Stuff, Piled Against Bridge Piers.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—With tons of ice piled high against the piers of bridges spanning the Ohio river here and the point between Pittsburg, river traffic has been entirely abandoned.

It is estimated that ten million bushels of coal have been diverted from the usual river transportation to southern points, and cars are being asked for from all railroads by coal operators, who realize that it may be weeks before the ice breaks down the Ohio.

Packet stations below Pittsburg report unprecedented ice gorges. At East Liverpool, Ohio, ice has jammed against the stone abutments of the old county wood-bridge to such an extent that the authorities are arranging to break the pack with dynamite. At Steubenville, Ohio, the Pennsylvania railroad cut-off bridge in course of construction is being watched day and night.

At Wheeling, W. Va., rivermen report danger to craft in that harbor. From Wheeling to New Martinsville, W. Va., a distance of 25 miles, a solid sheet of ice marks the course of the Ohio river.

SEEKS ARREST OF HEARST.

Attorney for Man Charged with Tammany Theft Wants It.

New York, Dec. 29.—Louis Culliver, attorney for Francis Dolan, who is charged with having aided in the alleged Tammany theft of the Independent league machinery in the September primaries, said in court yesterday that he would apply for a warrant for the arrest of William Randolph Hearst within the next 24 hours.

Culliver declared that the charge would be election fraud, in that Hearst failed to give notice of the Independent league section 67 of the election law, which specifies that delegates chosen at primaries must be summoned to the convention to which they are elected, even though the convention does nothing more than to adjourn sine die.

It is held that Hearst called no convention of his delegates in the county last fall and it was therefore within the authority of the delegates themselves to convene and nominate. This they did under Tammany dictation, which precipitated the legal controversy.

ANOTHER BROIL.

Venezuela Cuts Off Relations with the French Government.

Caracas, Dec. 29.—The Venezuelan government has terminated the diplomatic mission of Dr. Carlos Grisanti to France because France insists upon the arbitration of the claims of French citizens expelled from Carapapo by Castro. Venezuela bases its action on the treaty of 1885.

Dr. Grisanti, who was appointed diplomatic agent to France and Holland last August, will continue negotiations with the latter country, looking to the re-establishment of mutual friendly relations.

FOUND MAN KILLING HUSBAND.

East Douglas, Mass., Woman Saw Terrible Sight.

East Douglas, Mass., Dec. 29.—Entering her kitchen unexpectedly yesterday, Mrs. Charles Potter found a young woman, who asked to be allowed to warm herself, in the act of cutting the throat of her 77-year-old husband whom he had pinned on the floor. At her shriek the assailant fled, but not before he had cut the windpipe and injured him so severely that it is thought he will die.

Later a man named Peter Manite, aged 19 years, was arrested in Wotton. The victim was popularly credited with keeping a large sum of money in the house.

HAPPY SPAN
OF 50 YEARS

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas G. Roben Observed Anniversary

VISITED BY MANY FRIENDS

Their Early Romance Started on Board Ship, Coming from British Isles, Recalled by Lines from J. P. Marr's Pen Last Night.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas G. Roben of South Barre was celebrated in a fitting manner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Thomas Sheriffs, of Madison street, yesterday afternoon and last evening. All through the afternoon and evening, the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Roben called to extend their congratulations on their long and happy married life.

Although Mr. Roben is 77 years of age and Mrs. Roben 72, they were as lively as any in the company which came to help them make merry, and two songs, "My Highland Home," and "We Have Lived and Loved Together," which Mrs. Roben sang, were given in a voice nearly as sweet and clear as a girl's.

Everything was done to make the arrangements and decorations at the house in keeping with the celebration, and the various rooms were trimmed with golden crepe paper. The evening passed with song and story and the reading of original poems. Mr. and Mrs. Roben were the recipients of a purse of \$50 in gold and many other useful presents, and received congratulatory letters from many friends who were unable to be present.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served during the evening, the guests being served by Misses Jean Darling, Marguerite Sheriffs, Jean Sheriffs and Florence Ingalls.

The meeting and courtship of this now aged couple was somewhat romantic. Mr. Roben was born in Ryegate in 1833 and in 1858 he went to Scotland to visit the former home of his father. There he spent several weeks and had taken the ship for home, when he met Miss Maggie Montgomery, who, a few months later, became his wife. She was placed in his charge by her brother-in-law, on her way to relatives in this country, and the acquaintance which was made on the ship ended in the wedding on December 23, 1860, at Paterson, N. J.

J. P. Marr wrote the following for the occasion last night, having this incident as its theme:

"The summer sun was shining bright
Along the banks of Clyde
When you two sailed from Broomfield
Across the ocean wide.
Ye did na ken ilk either then,
On that fair August morn,
When hills were bright with heather bloom
And fields with waving corn.

"The land of dreams behind you lay,
The land of hope before;
And through the mist of gathering tears
Faded out the Scottish shore.
But as ye sailed into the West,
Across the stormy main,
Two hearts were bound with cords of love
To never part again."

Another poem, written by Mrs. J. B. Darling for the occasion, entitled, "A Story of Long Years," was printed on a handsome souvenir folder, having upon its cover portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Roben, and was distributed to the guests during the afternoon and evening. Mrs. Darling's poem tells in dialect verse of the meeting of the lad and the lass upon the ship which was bearing them to America, and of their ripening friendship, growing to love and culminating in their marriage, and of the happy life which they have lived for a half century together.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Roben made their home on the farm in Ryegate until 1879, when they sold the farm and built a home in South Ryegate. In 1887, they came to Barre and have since resided here. Ten children were born to them, six of whom are living. There are Miss Nellie J. Roben of Guilford, Conn.; George H. Roben of South Ryegate; Mrs. Thomas Sheriffs of Barre; Douglas C. Roben of Barre Town; Matthew G. Roben and Mrs. J. F. Williams of Rochester, N. Y. There are also six grandchildren.

TURKISH CABINET RESIGNS.

Program of the Grand Vizier did Not Satisfy Young Turks.

Constantinople, Dec. 29.—The whole Turkish cabinet resigned last evening, following the resignation of Hilma Pasha, the grand vizier, who withdrew from the ministry earlier in the day.

It is reported that serious conflicts have occurred at Bagdad, but this is not confirmed officially.

FIVE MEN KILLED.

When Boiler Exploded in Plant of Electric Company.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 29.—The explosion of a boiler at the new plant of the Metropolitan Electric company early to-day killed five men at West Reading.

SATOLLI'S CONDITION WORSE.

Change To-day and End Believed to be Near.

Rome, Dec. 29.—Cardinal Satolli's condition took another turn for the worse to-day and it is believed that the end is near.

AGED WOMAN HURT.

Michael A. Mack Accused of Assault at Nashua.

Nashua, N. H., Dec. 29.—Michael A. Mack was arrested last night by Patrolmen James McLaughlin and Harvey Polard, charged with an assault on Mrs. James Robertson. According to the police there was a row at the Robertson home, 9 Shield avenue, between Mack and his wife, who is a niece of Mrs. Robertson.

Mrs. Robertson, who 76 years old, endeavored to defend her niece, and Mack turned upon her, it is alleged, and badly injured her face. Dr. P. J. McLaughlin took right stitches in her cheek. The assault took place about 6:30 o'clock and Mrs. Mack left town on a train at about the same time. Mack was intoxicated when brought to the station house.

THREE MEN FELL.

Chester Accident While Church Was Being Repaired.

Chester, Dec. 29.—What came near being a fatal accident occurred here yesterday afternoon when John Muer, Charles Field of this village and Mr. Eddy of Cavendish were at work on a staging in the Baptist church putting on plaster board, the staging gave way, letting the three men down about 18 feet.

Mr. Muer had his right arm broken, Mr. Field was badly bruised about the head and body, and Mr. Eddy has a sprained foot, and is otherwise injured. Mr. Muer and Mr. Eddy are carpenters and Mr. Field a helper.

LITTLE GIRL HURT.

Springfield Accident in Which Victim Had One Leg Broken.

Springfield, Dec. 29.—As the result of coasting down the hills into the square, the 8-year-old daughter of J. H. Morrison fell this afternoon with one of her legs broken at the thigh bone. A large double-runner was coming down just as the little girl was crossing the street.

She was thrown several feet into a seat by the park in the middle of the street.

DARING FLIGHT
UNSUCCESSFUL

American Aviator, with Aeroplane of His Own Invention, Attempted to Fly from Liverpool to Manchester.

London, Dec. 29.—Capt. S. F. Cody, an American aviator, tried to-day one of the most daring flights ever undertaken, starting in the suburbs of Liverpool in an attempt to fly to Manchester, a distance of thirty-six miles. Tremendous crowds witnessed the ascension, while thousands lined the road along the route.

Cody, who is experienced flier for the British war office, holds the record for cross country flying. September 29, he made a distance of 47 miles, averaging in his flight 400 feet at Alderhot.

The flight was unsuccessful. When the aviator had covered one third of the distance, being aloft thirty minutes, the machine struck some telegraph wires, forcing it to alight. Neither Cody nor the machine were hurt. The flight was not successful.

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ONE STRIKE ENDED.

Boiler-makers at Schenectady Plant of American Locomotive Co.

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The strike of the boiler makers in the Schenectady plant of the American Locomotive company was settled yesterday afternoon and the action taken at the conference here will also set as a settlement of the strikes of the boiler makers in the plants of the company at Dunkirk, Montreal, Richmond, Va., and Pittsburgh. About 8,000 men are involved. The men will return to work in the Schenectady plant on the basis of day work.

An effort on the part of the company to inaugurate the standard time system led to the strike here. On December 7, between 800 and 900 boiler makers and helpers walked out. Attempts were made by the strikers to secure a conference with David Van Alstyne, vice-president of the company and at that time head of the manufacturing department, but without avail. On December 22, James McNaughton, also a vice-president of the company, became head of the manufacturing department. He immediately called a conference in this city, but in the meantime Grand International President J. A. Franklin of the boiler makers' union had from Kansas City called a general strike of boiler makers in the country's plants at Montreal, Richmond, Dunkirk and Pittsburgh, involving 8,000 men. At that time he did not know of the action taken by Mr. McNaughton.

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GEN. JOHN WILEY DEAD.

He Controlled Large Oil Interests in Western Pennsylvania.

Franklin, Pa., Dec. 29.—Major-General John A. Wiley died here last night of intestinal nephritis, aged 68 years. Until last month General Wiley controlled large oil interests in western Pennsylvania but he closed out his holdings when advised that his ailment was practically incurable.

For 40 years General Wiley had been actively engaged in the affairs of the National Bank of Pennsylvania, serving as its president and in the military career during the Civil war, where he served four years, and also acting for nine months as brigadier-general of volunteers, under appointment of President McKinley during the Spanish war. A wife and one daughter survive.

CRUSHED BY CARS.

James Crowley, a Brakeman on Night Shift at Haverhill, Mass., Killed.

Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 29.—James Crowley, 27 years old, married, a brakeman on the night shift, was killed at the Hale street freight yards of the Boston & Maine railroad last night. It is supposed he was crushed between the cars. When found by trainmen, he was unconscious and died before the arrival of the police ambulance.

DIDN'T TAKE
ANY CHANCES

Police Hauled Frank Coffrin Out of Bed Early Today

MAKING TRIP IN NIGHT

It Is Alleged That Coffrin Was with Guidici at Time Latter Robbed Kenneth McAulay on River Street. Guidici Still Absent.

Another chapter was added to-day to the Kenneth McAulay robbery case, in previous chapters of which Joseph Guidici was held for county court on the charge of larceny from that person, only to escape from the local police station by forcing his cell door on the morning he was to have been taken to the county jail in default of bail. Frank Coffrin, the man whom McAulay claims was present at the time Guidici is alleged to have snatched a roll of bills out of McAulay's hands on the evening of November 21, was arrested early this morning in his bed at the Henry Davis farm, about three miles from Williamstown village, by Officers Hamel and Gamble.

The information came to Officer Hamel yesterday that Coffrin, who disappeared after the robbery, was working at this farm, and before daylight this morning the two officers started for the farm with a team. They found their man sound asleep in bed, and he was ordered to dress and accompany them back to the police station in this city. Officer Hamel had a warrant for his arrest, which was issued by City Attorney J. Ward Carver. Coffrin was arraigned in court this morning on the charge of larceny and was placed under \$500 bail, which he was unable to furnish. He will be given a hearing this afternoon.

The officers have been on the lookout for any information as to Coffrin's whereabouts ever since the robbery, as he was badly wanted as a material witness in the case against Guidici. The next day after the robbery was reported, Officer Gamble learned that Coffrin was working at the Curry-Frost-Dewitt company's dam in East Montpelier. The officer drove over to the dam that day, but Coffrin got wind of the officer's coming before he got there and skipped out. Coffrin told the officers his rooming place in Randolph, and Williamstown since that time.

McAulay claims that he was robbed of about \$100 in bills, which he says the Guidici boy grabbed out of his hands as he was about to give Guidici some money with which to purchase some liquor. Both Guidici and Coffrin were unknown to McAulay at the time, though he had been chumming around with them that afternoon. After Guidici was arrested, McAulay identified him as the one who grabbed his money. After the money was taken, both Guidici and the other fellow ran away, and McAulay then called the police station and reported his loss. McAulay learned Coffrin's name that night from people on River street, where the two had visited before Guidici joined them. McAulay resides in Lanesboro. Guidici is still at large, although the officers have run down various clues and alleged ones.

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MURDER CASE ON TRIAL.

Springfield Italians Plead Not Guilty—Another Up for Assault.

Woodstock, Dec. 29.—In the case of Justice E. Smith, apt., of Hartford, vs. Henry S. Goddard of Norwich, an action in trover, in the Windsor county court, the jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff to recover \$40.00 and judgment was rendered on the verdict.

Francisco Celebreto of Springfield has been arraigned for the murder of Battista Carno, November 28, last, and pleaded not guilty. Antonio Saprete of the same place, was also arraigned for an assault on Battista Carno with a revolver at the same time and place, and pleaded not guilty. A jury was immediately empaneled to try them.

ILL BUT A FEW MINUTES.

Mrs. J. Henry Lavigne of Burlington Died This Morning.

Burlington, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Philomena (German) Lavigne, aged 46, died after an illness of only a few minutes this morning, shortly after midnight, of heart failure at her home, 78 King street. Mrs. Lavigne had apparently been in her usual good health during the evening and with the rest of the family had played cards until ten o'clock, when she complained of a pain in her chest, and, before a doctor could reach her, she had expired.

Mrs. Lavigne is survived by a husband, J. Henry Lavigne, and four children, Louis, Rose, Horace and Nellie.

ALBERT WILLIAMS DEAD.

Richmond Man Leaves Wife and One Sister, Died Yesterday.

Richmond, Dec. 29.—Albert Williams, an aged and respected citizen, died early Tuesday morning after a week's illness at the home of E. W. Fay. Mr. Williams was born in this town. He married Ellen Fay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Towers of Kalamazoo, Mich., survives him. The funeral will be held from his late home Thursday afternoon at one o'clock.

Paul W. Johnson of Randolph was a visitor in the city to-day.

ALDERMEN REFUSED
CONTRACTOR'S REQUEST

Long & Co., Builders of Orange Brook Storage Reservoir, Wanted Part of the Contract Price Which Was Held Back.

The board of aldermen had a short session at their regular meeting last evening, there being but little business to transact. A letter from Joseph Long & company, the contractors who are building the Orange brook reservoir, was read by Alderman Alexander, chairman of the water committee, making a formal request that the city grant them an extension of time in which to complete the dam; and they also petitioned the city to pay them 5 per cent. of the 18 per cent. of the contract price, which, under the terms of the contract, the city is holding back until the dam is completed.

They claimed that it was owing to the quicksand, which was struck when the dam was first started, that the dam was not completed in contract time, and as this trouble was nothing for which they were responsible, they thought the city could see its way clear to pay them the amount, which would be about \$1,100. The city would then have back 10 per cent., which they are to hold for six months after the dam is completed. There was considerable discussion over the question, and the board finally decided that there was no other way than for them to follow the strict terms of the contract; but the question of extension of time was referred to the water committee to investigate and find out how much time will be needed next spring to complete the dam and make a report.

The report of the city engineer on the house numbers on Lawrence avenue was read and accepted. The lighting committee recommended that a tongue and street light be installed on Tremont street, and the light was ordered installed.

At the public hearing, which was advertised to be held on the question of setting aside Beckley street for coasting purposes, three men appeared and spoke in favor of this street in place of Pleasant street, and a petition signed by 41 residents on the street and in the vicinity was presented, requesting the board to change from Pleasant to Beckley street. The reason for the change, as set up by the petitioners, was that as Pleasant street joined Beckley street, the children had to slide across Beckley street, and by the position of the houses at the corners of the two streets the children could not see teams on Beckley street until they were right upon them, and too late to stop without running into them.

On motion of Alderman Campbell, it was voted to close Pleasant street and open Beckley street, with the restriction that the coasting must not start their sleds on the hill any above the Thomas Emerson residence and must not slide out onto Main street.

Alderman Alexander reported that a resident of ward two wanted the board to set aside Park street in addition to East street in that ward for the reason that the older boys of the crowd which slide on East street had crowded the young children out, by making conditions unpleasant for them. Alderman Campbell thought the west end of Tremont street would be a more suitable place than Park street, and the matter was referred to Alderman Alexander and Campbell to investigate and report.

Alderman Campbell reported that J. F. Higgins of the Miles Coal company had brought before the board the question of the accident to one of the horses on the company's coal team. It being claimed that the horse stumbled over a log stone in the road on Smith street and injured one of its legs so that it will be laid up for three months, and the services of a veterinarian will be required for several weeks. The board decided to take no action on the matter at present.

CHANGE QUARTERS.

Red Men Move from Old Fellows' Hall to Worthen Block.

The annual election of officers of Iron-ore tribe, held last evening, and the following officers elected: Sachem, Peter Brown; junior sachem, William Walker; junior saganemo, Francis Riddoch; prophet, Ira Wright; C. of R. George Cormack; C. of W. Alexander Ross; K. of W. Walter Morgan; physician, Dr. P. S. Duffy; trustee for three years, Alexander Ironside.

For the past nine years Iron-ore tribe has held its meeting in Old Fellows hall and the members decided that they wanted a meeting place of their own. A lease of the hall in the north side of the third floor of the Worthen building was taken and to-day the property of the tribe was moved from the old quarters to the new which will be completely outfitted for lodge purposes.

TO OPERATE IN VERMONT.

A Townsend, Mass., Lumber Concern Files Articles of Association.

The Standard Handle and Lumber company of Townsend, Mass., has made application to the secretary of state for a permit to do business in Cambridge, Vermont. Ned A. Robbins of Cambridge is agent for the company. The company is capitalized at \$25,000.

MEN BLOWN TO PIECES.

When an Explosion of 150 Pounds of Dynamite Occurred in Mine.

Mineral Point, Wis., Dec. 29.—An explosion of 150 pounds of dynamite in the Ollie Bell mine at Plattville blew four men to fragments early today, wrecking the upper portions of the mine.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Attorney L. P. Slack of St. Johnsbury, formerly of Barre, was a business visitor in this city to-day.

Among arrivals at the City hotel last evening and to-day were J. N. Gould, Manchester, N. H.; F. H. Lyford, Waterbury; W. L. Stearns, Swanton; E. W. Smith, Wells River; Otto Langhammer, New York; F. C. Williams, Newport; O. C. Taylor, Burlington.

UNION HAS
PROPOSITION

If Approved by Northfield Will be Submitted to

BARRE MANUFACTURERS

At Conference To-morrow—Meeting of Union in Northfield This Afternoon. Delegates Return from Quincy.

A meeting of Northfield branch, G. C. I. A., is being held this afternoon to hear the reports of the delegates sent to Quincy, Mass., to confer with Secretary Duncan, in an effort to devise some way of securing a settlement of present differences in the granite industry in that town. The delegates to Quincy included two from Northfield branch, one from Barre, one from Montpelier, one from Waterbury and one from Williamstown. Two conferences were held, the second with the international union committee yesterday forenoon, and the result was the drafting of a proposition, which is to be submitted to Northfield branch at this afternoon's meeting, and, if approved by that body, it will be submitted to the Barre Manufacturers' association at a conference to-morrow.

The delegates to Quincy returned on the night train last night, arriving at Northfield at 5 o'clock this morning. While in Boston yesterday, they tried to send word of their progress to their respective unions in Vermont, but were unable to get anything through because of the condition of the telegraph lines since Sunday's storm.